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FOR FRANKLIN WILLIS, ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR, DOS

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1. THE TEXT OF A LETTER SENT BY STEIN ROGNLIEN, DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATION OF THE NORWEGIAN
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TO ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL KOTAITE
FOLLOWS: THE TEXT WAS FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY BY KARIN
BURZELIUS.

"AS STATED IN MY LETTER OF 9 JUNE 1975 (JNR. 1820/
75 E) THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT FINDS IT MOST URGENT
THAT ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS ARE MADE AT THE FORTH-
COMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIR LAW,
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UNCERTAINTIES AS TO THE CONVERSION OF THE

GOLD-FRANC USED IN THE AIR LAW INSTRUMENTS
TO EXPRESS LIMITS OF LIABILITY INTO NATIONAL
CURRENCIES. IN THE OPINION OF THE NORWEGIAN
GOVERNMENT THIS QUESTION IS OF SUCH URGENCY
THAT, UNLESS A SOLUTION IS FOUND AT THE FORTH-
COMING CONFERENCE, THE ENTIRE SYSTEM OF UNIFORM
INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THIS FIELD MAY BREAK DOWN.
ON BEHALF OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT I THERE-
FORE PROPOSE THAT THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE
CONFERENCE, CONTAINED IN W/H - CM DOC NO 2, BE
SUITABLY AMENDED IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE CONFERENCE
TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE WARSAW
CONVENTION, THE HAGUE PROTOCOL AND THE GUATEMALA
CITY PROTOCOL WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPRESSION OF
THE LIMITATION AMOUNTS IN THESE INSTRUMENTS.
THE AMENDED PROVISIONAL AGENDA SHOULD AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE BE CIRCULATED TO ALL DELEGATIONS BEFORE
THE CONFERENCE STARTS."

"THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT MAY LATER SUBMIT A PROPOSAL
TO SUBSTITUTE THE GOLD-FRANC IN THE CONVENTIONS WITH
ANOTHER UNIT OF ACCOUNT, E.G. SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS."

2. REFTEL B HAS BEEN RELAYED TO BRUZELIUS FOR COMMENTS.

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